

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 60, 62, 64-69, 74, 75, 77-79, 84, 85 and 87-89 remain in this application, of which Claims 1-3 are in independent form. Claims 1-3 and 66 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 4-7, 22, 24, 25 and 57-59 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and will not be mentioned further. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 60, 62, 64-69, 74, 75, 77-79, 84, 85 and 87-89 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,778,377 (Marlin et al.).

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a displaying method, which is for acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information concerning the selected network device. The method of Claim 1 comprises first and second display steps. In the first display step, first information related to the selected network device is acquired via a network, and there is displayed a device window, which is a window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet, a second sheet and a designation portion for switching between the first sheet and the second sheet. The first information is displayed on the first sheet of the device window, as an initial sheet. In the second display step, in response to a designation of the designation portion by a user for display of the second sheet, second information, which is additional to and different from the first information, is acquired from the selected network device via the network, and is displayed on the second sheet.

Among other important features of the method of Claim 1, are (1) the displaying of a device window which has a first sheet for displaying first information, a second sheet for

displaying second information and a designation portion for switching the display between the first and the second sheet, (2) the acquiring of first information related to the selected network device via a network when the device window is displayed, and (3) the displaying of the first information on the first sheet of the device window. In addition, when the designation portion on the device window is designated by a user, the apparatus acquires second information from the selected network device, switches to the second sheet and displays the second information on the second sheet on the device window.

That is, the first and the second sheets are provided in the same device window. Furthermore, the second information is not acquired at the initial stage but is acquired after the device window is displayed and the designated portion is designated by a user.

Marlin has been extensively discussed in previous papers, and it is not believed to be necessary to repeat that discussion in full. The *Marlin* system, however, is one in which a user can define a report, and run the defined report to obtain the desired information. As Applicants understand the outstanding rejection, it is the Examiner's view that a user defining two such reports in succession, about the same component of the system, would meet the terms of the claims (noting, particularly, pages 2-4 of the Office Action). Applicants submit, however, that even such a function does not teach or suggest "displaying a device window which is a window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet, a second sheet and a designation portion for switching between the first sheet and the second sheet, and displaying the first information on the first sheet of the device window as an initial sheet [emphasis added]", and "displaying the second information on the second sheet" in response to designation of the designation portion by a user. In the *Marlin* system, even if a user who has obtained a first report on the component of interest now runs a second report to seek additional

and different information from that displayed from the first report, the results provided by the respective two reports, are apparently displayed as two separate windows. Certainly, nothing has been found, or pointed out, in *Marlin* that would teach, or even hint at, any arrangement by which the results of two reports would be displayed in two sheets of a single window, as recited in Claim 1, still less that such single window should be provided with a designation portion as recited in that claim. For these reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be clearly allowable over *Marlin*.

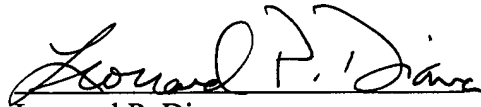
Independent Claims 2 and 3 are, respectively, an apparatus and a memory-medium claim corresponding to method Claim 1, and are believed to be allowable over *Marlin* by virtue of at least the reasons advanced above in connection with Claim 1.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable continued examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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